

## REMARKS

This is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/JP02/10878 filed October 21, 2002, and published in English as WO 03/035404 A1 on May 1, 2003. Claims 1-18 are pending, of which Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, and 15 are in independent form.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

## CLAIM TO PRIORITY

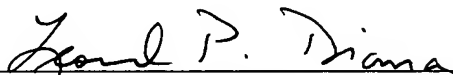
Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon Japanese Application No. 2001-324054, filed October 22, 2001, copy of which is enclosed.

Applicants further claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/10878, filed on October 21, 2002, copy enclosed, designating the United States.

CONCLUSION

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